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## Oklahomans Victimized

### Man Posing as African King Getting Rich

Colored people in Muskogee county are much perplexed because there resides in their midst a man who styles himself Prince Sam, claiming to be an African King, bent on inducing as many as possible of the Colored people of this country to return to their native soil. Prince Sam says he has just completed the construction of a large steamer in the New York ship yard which he will use in transporting his American flock to the balm of Africa. The conditions upon which he will take people to Africa is the payment of \$25 for each family and it is said that he has secured at least 117 families who will pay the required sum. Those who do not pay the \$25 in advance on the recommendation of Prince Sam will have to pay \$150 to get to Africa. The Prince does not receive the money himself, but advises each applicant to forward it to an address in New York. Some of the most thoughtful Colored people in that vicinity have corresponded with people in New York only to find that the representations of the African chief concerning the ship and his New York company is utterly false, and that in all probability Chief Sam is an impostor traveling over this country fleecing the people out of their money. It is said Prince Sam was arrested at Boley a week or two ago for receiving money under false pretense, but was acquitted because it could not be proven that he had actually received money from any one to whom he sold a birthright in his steamer bound for the shores of Africa.

Prof. W. B. Warren of Muskogee was a visitor in this city last week and gave the information that the African chief was doing a big business in that community. It is also reported that an accomplice of the "chief" was in Muskogee a few days ago.

### Editor and Family Surprised

The editor and his wife were made the guest of honor at a very pleasant little surprise party last Wednesday night which planned and successfully carried out by some of our good friends who without any word of warning or invitation came upon us and showered us with many good things. This was a token of friendship that we praise very highly and for which we are indeed very grateful.

## Came Back To Marry

A quiet little marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Jas. A. Johnson Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 522 North Elgin when Homer M. Wallace, lately of Guthrie, and Miss Irene Taylor of Hot Springs, Ark., were united in holy matrimony. The couple met each other in this city a few months ago and an enraptured courtship followed. The groom had just returned from Kansas City, where he had been for several weeks.

## Vernon Cole Gets Doll

The Doll Contest which was held at the Y. M. C. A. concert at the A. M. E. Church Tuesday night was one of no little interest to the doll lovers of this city. A number of little girls had busied themselves selling tickets for the concert in an effort to sell the highest number of tickets and thus get the beautiful brown skin doll which has been on exhibition for the last week or two in the show windows of the Economy drug store.

The contest resulted in little Vernon Cole, niece of Mrs. B. S. Cleaver, getting the doll. Vernon won by just one ticket. Little Miss Cole sold \$14.10 worth of tickets and the second highest number was sold by Dr. Key's little girl, who sold \$14.00 worth.

The proceeds went to the Y. M. C. A.

## Dick Bardons' Store

On the last page of this issue we carry a half-page ad of the Dick Bardon Brokerage firm. It is nothing for any kind of merchant to advertise in newspapers, but it certainly means something for them to live up to their advertisements. The Dick Bardon store is one of the best and most favorably known stores in Tulsa known not only to the mercenary class but to the working man and woman as well. Perhaps there is no man in Tulsa who is doing more to help others to help themselves than Dick Bardon.

A visit to this store will convince you that it is far above the regular "pawn shop." It is a place where you may get relief from financial distress or where you can save money for yourself in the purchase of the many beautiful and useful articles which will certainly catch your eye when you step inside the door. Suppose you stop in and get acquainted with Dick Bardon.

## Dry Farming Congress Big Event of Oct.

The International Dry-Farming Congress will soon open her gates in this city and thousands of people from all parts of this country and some from other countries will come to Tulsa for this one event. The colored people of Oklahoma will be represented at this congress along with other people, the plan to have a separate building having been abandoned. The Colored Dry-Farming Association of Oklahoma has been working studiously for the past thirty days and their work promises to bring good results. It is only a short time now to the day for this great body to meet and every colored person should take up correspondence with H. A. Guess of Tulsa.

## Deputy Cleaver Makes Statement

Editor-The Tulsa Star:  
Dear Sir—Since Policeman Williams has taken exceptions to my right as deputy sheriff of this county to arrest a murderer and caused some unjust criticism of my department I desire to make a statement concerning the arrest of J. D. Evans nearly two weeks ago for the murder of his wife. On the morning of the killing a short time after the fatal shot was fired, I went to Evans' store and residence and found the dead woman lying prostrate on the floor near the bedroom door and Evans in the room. I immediately placed him under arrest after a brief investigation. I later saw Policeman Williams in another room unloading the revolver, as if he was afraid it would go off again and shoot him. I did not think it was right for him to thus destroy what evidence there was at hand, so I relieved Mr. Williams of the revolver and took my prisoner to the county where he belonged. Of course, I could not tell whether he intended to arrest the man or not. At any rate, he had not done so.

Yours respectfully,

B. S. CLEAVER

## State Enforcement Office Gone

### Author of New Law May Go to Senate



HON. FRANK Z. CURRY  
The above cut is the picture of Hon. Frank Z. Curry, a representative from Tulsa county, who succeeded in passing a bill abolishing the office of State Enforcement Officer in the last legislature, while bill went into effect yesterday. Mr. Curry is favorably mentioned as a candidate for the State Senate.

#### BULLETIN.

Little Toussaint Smitherman has been dangerously ill with typhoid fever for the last two weeks, but is better at this time.

Saturday, Oct. 4.

The Public Library is growing more in demand every day. This is a worthy institution and should be heartily supported by all good citizens of Tulsa. Can you not spare at least \$1.00 for this good work?

The new high school building will soon be ready for use. It is ample for this year, but another year will find us in need of another school building. We are growing with the town.

## MRS. REUTER CONVICTED Jury Recommends Life

### Dramatic Scene In Court Room As Clerk Reads Verdict

### Accused Woman Swoon Protesting Her Innocence

## Capt. Jackson Address Farmers

After nearly two weeks of hope, anxiety, humiliation, suspense and legal contending, the famous Reuter murder trial came to a dramatic end at Bartlesville Friday when a jury of twelve men returned their verdict finding the defendant, Mrs. Laura Reuter, of this city, guilty of conspiracy in the murder of her husband, Charles T. Reuter, at the Reuter home this city in May 1912.

Two men are now serving life sentences at McAlester for the murder and another, Joe Bellou, obtained his liberty by turning state evidence in the case. Mrs. Reuter has all along protested her innocence and even while the jury was still out she felt confident of acquittal or at worst a hung jury. The long nerve-wrecking ordeal of the trial had its effect and when the verdict was read in Court the little woman, her face pale and trembling, screamed as though her heart would break, calling pathetically on her dead husband to come back and exonerate her. With her two little children at her side pitifully crying and begging that their mama be allowed to go visit them in the courtroom, were visibly affected. Even the judges and lawyers wept.

Mrs. Reuter was allowed to go on bail and she returned to Tulsa Friday night. Motion for a new trial was made and will be argued soon. The jury fixed the penalty at lifetime in the pen-



CAPTAIN T. D. JACKSON

big. We, as a race, must declare our faith in the democratic form of society in which we live. No other form of society guarantees to the individual the requisite freedom for the maturing of his powers for great public service and, at the same time, secure to him individual the fruits of his own toil. I believe that a democratic form of society requires for its members in all things that make for good government, righteous civic life, economic industrial prosperity. We regard equality of opportunity as the sacred guarantee of a democratic society to each and all of the members. I wish to say to this association right here that I believe that the owning of property anchors in community life; that it develops a consciousness of manhood and womanhood and that such ownership has moral value since it implies thrift, economy and a sense of cautious citizen in his community."

## Man of Mystic Science in City

Prof. Leno Sigma Bonner of Beggs, Oklahoma, is in the city this week and as usual is very busy with his duties which are found among both White and Colored people.

Prof. Bonner was born in far away India 100 years ago but he does not show his age in his acts or looks. Besides being versed in the occult science the old man is a lecturer of in mean ability and has an extensive knowledge in science being a student of Bellville Medical School of New York. Prof. Bonner has been in every Kingdom on Earth and in his work has waited on many Kings and Queens.

## TAKE NOTE

Will Mrs. Lula Smith call at The Star office and get letter addressed to her from Conway, Ark.

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